Social security for labourers in unorganized sector

2263. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of plight of the labourers working in unorganized sector; and

(b) if so, the social security and other welfare measures formulated for their upliftment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the conditions of unorganised workers. Recognizing the need of providing social security, the Government has enacted the Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act 2008. The Act provides for constitution of National Social Security Board at the Central level and State Social Security Boards at the State level which shall recommend formulation of social security schemes for unorganised workers. Various schemes/programmes are being implemented by the Government for improving the conditions of unorganised workers such as Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana, National Social Assistance Programme and National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 which provides 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Apart from these, the Government has launched some new schemes such as the Aam Admi Bima Yojana to provide insurance against death and disability and the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) to provide health insurance cover to BPL workers.

Insurance cover for workers

2264. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beneficiaries under the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana for BPL families in unorganized sector;

(b) out of the above, the number of beneficiaries in the State of Andhra Pradesh, who have been covered under the "Aam Admi Bima Yojana"; and

(c) the total funds allocated to the beneficiaries of Andhra Pradesh under the Yojana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) As on 01.12.2009, 7407617 smart cards have been issued to BPL families (a unit of five) in the unorganized sector under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY).

(b) and (c) RSBY is not being implemented in Andhra Pradesh. As on 15.11.2009, a total number of 37,99,203 rural landless households have been covered in the State of Andhra Pradesh under Aam Admi Bima Yojana. The premium under the scheme is Rs. 200/- per member per annum. This premium is equally shared in the ratio of 50:50 between Central Government and respective State Government/Union Territory.